

“What do I do when I believe in God but not in prayer?”  
Various Scriptures

Principle: Just as important as the thing we wait for is the work that God wants to do in us as we wait.

Principle: Pray about whatever is on your mind.

What is prayer? Prayer is having a conversation with God.

How are we to communicate with God?

1. Honestly

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words." Matthew 6:5-7

"How long, O Lord, must I call for help,  
but you do not listen?  
Or cry out to you, "Violence!"  
but you do not save?

Why do you make me look at injustice?  
Why do you tolerate wrong?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
there is strife, and conflict abounds." Habakkuk 1:2, 3

2. Constantly

3. Listening

Why doesn't God seem to answer more prayers?

1. I must pray in right relationship with others.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Mark 11:24, 25

2. I must pray with the right motives

"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives."  
James 4:3

3. I must pray unselfishly.

"A man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the Lord."  
Proverbs 16:2

4. I must pray with a pure heart

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." Psalms 66:18

5. I must pray with faith

"Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

6. I must pray in God's will

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him." 1 John 5:14, 15

Why does God answer my prayer, but not in the way that I wanted?

Principle: God knows best.

Principle: God always has a better idea.

God says to you, "\_\_\_\_\_, trust me, I have everything under control. Jesus."